

# The Montana Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act

## **VOTE YES ON SB 415** (Sen. Jon Tester)

*(Passed the Senate 32-18)*

Senate Bill 415 supports sustainable rural economic development in Montana by creating an in-state market for wind power and other renewable energy sources. Under this bill, utilities would obtain 15% of their electricity from clean, renewable energy sources by the year 2015. Cooperative utilities with more than 5,000 members would develop their own renewable energy standards. The bill provides a preference for Montana workers, and protections for consumers through the Montana Public Service Commission.

### **Supporters of SB 415 include:**

Montana Office of the Northwest Power  
Planning & Conservation Council  
Montana Department of Agriculture  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality  
Montana Public Service Commission  
Montana Association of Churches  
Cascade County Commission  
Lewis & Clark County Commission  
Liberty County Commission  
Wheatland County Commission  
Montana Association of Counties  
Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
Montana Farmers Union  
Montana Grain Growers Association  
Montana Stockgrowers Association  
Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics  
Bear Paw Development Corporation (Havre)  
Two Rivers Economic Growth (Glasgow)  
Montana Contractors Association

AARP Montana  
Montana Audubon  
Montana Conservation Voters  
Montana Environmental Information Center  
Montana Public Interest Research Group  
Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Montana Wilderness Association  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Northern Plains Resource Council  
NW Energy Coalition  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Montana Progressive Labor Caucus  
Teamsters Local 190  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters  
Montana Renewable Energy Association  
Renewable Northwest Project  
Power Procurement Group  
WindPark Solutions  
Wind Hunter, LLC

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0415

**Title:** Expand production and use of alternative energy

**Primary Sponsor:** Tester, J

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	David Ewer, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2006 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.